

Appendix**35 U. S. C. Sec. 31**

“Any person who has invented or discovered any new and useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvements thereof, or who has invented or discovered and asexually reproduced any distinct and new variety of plant, other than a tuber-propagated plant, not known or used by others in this country, before his invention or discovery thereof, and not patented or described in any printed publication in this or any foreign country, before his invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to his application, and not in public use or on sale in this country for more than one year prior to his application, unless the same is proved to have been abandoned, may, upon payment of the fees required by law, and other due proceeding had, obtain a patent therefor. (R. S. § 4886; Mar. 3, 1897, ch. 391, § 1, 29 Stat. 692; May 23, 1930, ch. 312, § 1, 46 Stat. 376; Aug. 5, 1939, ch. 450, § 1, 53 Stat. 1212.)”

